IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended). An apparatus for installing and removing a harvesting combine rotor comprising:

a harvesting combine including a frame portion having a front end, the frame portion supporting a threshing rotor contained in a body located rearwardly of the front end, a cab supported at a first position on the front end forwardly of the body containing the rotor and directly forwardly of a front end of the rotor, and a linkage assembly located and operatively connected to the frame portion and to the cab beneath the cab so as to be movable beneath the cab for raising the cab relative to the frame portion from the first position to a second position above the front end of the rotor, the linkage assembly, the cab and the frame portion defining a rotor spacing beneath the cab when in the second position, the rotor spacing allowing installation and removal of the rotor in the body of the harvesting combine therethrough, the harvesting combine being fully operational with the cab in ~~any one of~~ both the first position and the second position.

Claim 2 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the front end of the frame portion comprises a pair of elements extending forwardly in spaced apart relation one to the other beneath opposite lower side edges of the cab, respectively, the linkage assembly ~~is~~ comprises a plurality of link members disposed entirely beneath the opposite side edges of the cab and rotatably connected to the elements of the frame portion, respectively, so as to be movable relative thereto from a down position generally parallel thereto to an up position angularly related thereto for raising the cab to the second position.

Claim 3 (previously presented). The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the combine further includes a feeder housing located below the cab and movable upwardly and downwardly, and a support rod for coupling the linkage assembly to the feeder housing for raising and lowering the linkage assembly by the upward and downward movement of the feeder housing.

Claim 4 (currently amended). An apparatus for installing and removing a harvesting combine rotor comprising:

a harvesting combine including a body supported on a frame portion, a combine rotor located in the body, the frame portion including a front end disposed forwardly of the body, a cab disposed at a first position above the front end forwardly of the body and directly in front of a front end of the combine rotor, the body being adapted for receiving the combine rotor through a front end thereof, a linkage assembly disposed and operatively connected to the frame portion and to the cab beneath the cab and operatively movable while remaining beneath the cab for raising the cab from the first position to a second position above the first position and above the front end of the rotor, the cab in the second position allowing the installation and removal of the rotor through the front end of the body underneath the cab, the harvesting combine being fully operational with the cab in ~~any one of~~ both the first position and the second position.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the linkage assembly comprises a plurality of link members disposed beneath opposite side edge portions of the cab, each of the link members having a first end pivotally connected to the frame portion and an opposite second end supporting the cab, the second ends of the link members being pivotable upwardly about the first ends thereof while remaining beneath

the side edge portions of the cab for raising the cab above the front end for allowing installation and removal of the rotor.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the ~~body has a front wall and wherein the rotor includes a front end and a back end, the front end of the rotor being located adjacent the front wall of the body and the rear end of the rotor extending upward from the front end~~ linkage assembly comprises a four bar linkage.

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (currently amended). A method of installing a rotor in a harvesting combine comprising:

providing a harvesting combine including a housing having a front end region through which a rotor can be installed in the housing and a frame portion having a front end including a pair of members extending forwardly adjacent to opposite sides of the front end region, ~~a linkage assembly operatively connected to the front end of the frame portion,~~ a cab disposed ~~at~~ above the pair of members when in a down position in front of the housing ~~and operatively connected to the linkage assembly~~, and a linkage assembly disposed beneath the cab including link members adjacent to the opposite sides of the front end region connected between the pair of members and the cab and movable while remaining beneath the cab for raising the cab;

moving the linkage assembly for raising the cab to an up position above the down position sufficiently to allow passage of a rotor beneath the cab and into the front end region of the housing; and

installing a rotor in the housing by passage underneath the cab when in the up position, the harvesting combine being fully operational with the cab in ~~any one of~~ both the down position and the up position.

Claim 9 (previously presented). The method of claim 8 wherein the linkage assembly comprises a four bar linkage.

Claim 10 (previously presented). A method of removing a rotor from a harvesting combine comprising:

providing a harvesting combine including a housing having a front end and a frame portion having a front end extending forwardly of the front end of the housing, ~~a linkage assembly operatively connected to the front end of the frame portion,~~ a rotor disposed within the housing and removable therefrom through the front end thereof, a cab disposed at a down position on the front end of the frame in front of the rotor and operatively connected to the front end of the frame by a linkage assembly disposed beneath the cab and movable while remaining beneath the cab for raising the cab to an up position above the rotor for opening a space beneath the cab and in front of the rotor;

moving the linkage assembly for raising the cab to ~~an~~ the up position above the down position; and

removing the rotor from the housing by passage through the space underneath the cab when in the up position, the harvesting combine being fully operational with the cab in ~~any one of~~ both the down position and the up position.

Claim 11 (previously presented). The method of claim 10 wherein the linkage assembly comprises a four bar linkage.

Claim 12 (previously presented). The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the linkage assembly comprises a four bar linkage.

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (cancelled).